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The Medicare Advantage program

ISSUE: This session discusses the state of the Medicare Advantage (MA) program in terms of plan availability, enrollment, payments, and benefits.

KEY POINTS: We discuss the continued growth in enrollment in MA plans. We examine the level of payments and benchmarks in relation to fee-for-service expenditure levels. We also discuss the value of extra benefits offered by MA plans.

ACTION: Commissioners should provide comments on the initial analysis and any additional guidance.

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